The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, the 21st December 1922, the hon Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15—

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Leper asylums in the Presidency.

622 *Q.*—Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) the number of leper asylums in this Presidency;
(*b*) the places where they are situated;
(*c*) those directly under Government control;
(*d*) those under private management; and
(*e*) the grants, if any, allotted to private asylums?

A.—A statement furnishing the information desired is laid on the table.*

Vacancies in the Police department.

623 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur T. BALAJI RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state when the Vellore Police School is going to be re-opened?

A.—As at present contemplated the school will be re-opened in October 1923.

Grants to Mappilla elementary schools.

624 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to call for a report from the Inspector of Schools, Malabar, as to how the complaints from managers of Mappilla elementary schools regarding the smallness of grant in 1920 were disposed of and whether they were paid additional grant or refused the same?

A.—A report will be called for on the question.

Scholarships to Mappilla pupils.

625 *Q.*—Mr. A. D. M. BAVOTTI SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of scholarships awarded to pupils in higher elementary schools (classes VI, VII and VIII) in Malabar and the number of such scholarships awarded to Mappilla pupils for the last three years in Malabar?

A.—The Government have no information.

* Vide Appendix A on page 1102 infra.